GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER SECTOR REFORMS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the meeting of the Council on Trade and Industry held at New Delhion September 7, 2001, the Government had assured to work out a time table for power sector reforms;

(b) if so, the main objects of reforms; and

(c) the steps taken in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : At the meeting of Prime Minister`s Council on Trade and Industry held on79.2001, the importance of improving the financial health of State Electricity Boardswas emphasized. Ministry of Power has been emphasizing the need for undertaking reforms with a sense of urgency. Chief Ministers/Power Ministers conference held inMarch 2001 resolved that commercial viability has to be achieved in distribution in next 2-3 years, effective programme needs to be launched for identifying and eliminating power thefts in next two years. Ministry of Power has signed MOUs with 19 statesexpressing joint commitment to Power Sector Reforms.In these MOUs states havecommitted to achieve reform milestones and Government of India will extend financialsupport through APDP, additional allocation of power etc.